

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:518
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DEVELOPMENT OF COOCH BEHAR AIRPORT
Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Central Team has visited the non-operational Cooch Behar Airport recently;
- (b) if so, the findings of the team in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the said Airport is likely to become operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The infrastructure available at Cooch Behar requires major development, repair and renovation, obstacles need to be removed and land needs to be acquired for operation of ATR-42 type of aircraft.
- (c) The development work is likely to commence in the third quarter of 2005-06 subject to availability of land. The execution period is 12 months from the date of commencement of work.